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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated March 15, 2000, be extended for two months to and including August 15, 2000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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